REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the above-captioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Changes to Claims in Present Response Shown on Attached Page

For the Examiner's convenience, the specific changes to Claims 18, 40 and 52, which are the only claims amended in this Response, are shown on an attached page entitled **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS CLAIMS**, which follows the signature page of this Office Action Response.

Examiner's Objections to Specification, Drawings, and Claims Have Been Resolved

The Examiner objected to the specification due to the use of the term "rockerable." The Examiner also objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.38(a) as not showing every feature of Claim 5. Further, the Examiner objected to Claims 9, 18, 40 and 52 because of the term "rockerable" and some informalities of claim language. Each of these objections was specifically discussed and resolved with the Examiner in the telephone interview on January 26, 2004. A summary of that interview has been included herewith.

H-200 Design Drawing 95078-23 is Not Prior Art to the Present Application

The Examiner rejected Claims 5-13 and 16-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the H-200 Design Drawing 95078-23 in combination with other references. The Design Drawing 95078-23 purports to be dated April 16, 1996. Applicants do not admit that the Design Drawing was published on April 16, 1996. However, in order to clearly remove the Design Drawing 95078-23 as prior art, Applicants have filed a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 signed by the inventors, Thomas Wilder and Alexander Reynolds. As such, Design Drawing 95078-23 is removed from consideration as prior art, and Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner remove the claim rejections.

Supplemental Declaration is Included

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that a supplemental oath/declaration would likely still be required because additional amendments were filed since the previously-filed oath/declaration was submitted. Included herewith is a Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration signed by the inventors under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1).

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections and objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims and specification. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
RELATIVE TO PREVIOUS CLAIMS

The specific changes to the amended claims reflecting only the amendments made in the present Office Action Response, are shown on these pages. Insertions are shown <u>underlined</u> while deletions are ~~struck through~~.

Claims 18, 40 and 52 have been amended as follows:

18.　　(Currently Amended)　The chassis of Claim 13, wherein each mounting flange extends from its respective upper edge in a direction away from the ~~opposing~~ upper ~~portion~~<u>portions</u>.

40.　　(Currently Amended)　The assembly of Claim 36, wherein <u>at least one of</u> the upper portions ~~are~~<u>is</u> curved.

52.　　(Currently Amended)　The method of Claim 46, wherein <u>at least one of</u> the upper portions ~~are~~<u>is</u> curved.